
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE HAWAII RESTAURANT ASSOCIATION TO CONDUCT A SURVEY
MEASURING THE INTEREST OF HAWAII RESTAURANTS IN ALLOWING
DOGS INTO THEIR ESTABLISHMENTS.

1 WHEREAS, according to a study by the Hawaiian Humane
2 Society, pet owner households comprise fifty-eight percent of
3 all households on Oahu; and
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5 WHEREAS, a recent national poll found that more than ninety
6 percent of pet owners considered their pets to be members of
7 their families; and
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9 WHEREAS, some benefits to owning a pet include an increased
10 sense of responsibility, mental and emotional stability, and
11 improved fitness; and
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13 WHEREAS, while service dogs are welcome by law in any
14 establishment, most dogs that are not service dogs are
15 prohibited from entering restaurants pursuant to section 11-50-
16 74(o), Hawaii Administrative Rules; and
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18 WHEREAS, a variety of jurisdictions in the Continental
19 United States and Europe allow customers to bring dogs into
20 restaurants and bars; and
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22 WHEREAS, many dog owners in Hawaii are interested in going
23 to restaurants with the dog like they would with any member of
24 their family; and
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26 WHEREAS, addressing food safety and health concerns is also
27 of importance when considering allowing dogs into restaurants;
28 now, therefore
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1 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
2 Twenty-eighth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular
3 Session of 2015, the Senate concurring, that the Hawaii
4 Restaurant Association is requested to conduct a survey
5 measuring the interest of Hawaii restaurants in allowing dogs
6 into their establishments; and

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8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED as a part of this survey, the
9 Association is requested to recommend guidelines that should be
10 placed on restaurants in the event that dogs were to be allowed
11 in Hawaii restaurants; and

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13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the Hawaii Restaurant Association is
14 requested to submit a report of its findings and
15 recommendations, including any proposed legislation, to the
16 Legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of
17 the Regular Session of 2016; and

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19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
20 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Director of Health,
21 the Hawaii Restaurant Association, and the Hawaiian Humane
22 Society.

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